

RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN AREA LHRC

Approved Minutes

March 1, 2022

10:30am

15361 Bradford Rd, Culpeper, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jackie Dare – Chairperson

Betsy Knight-Reid – Member

David Henry – Member

Dana Rexrode – Member

Arla Lewis – Member

Ann Garrett – Member

Members Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Artea Ambrose – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1

Heather Hilleary – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1

Tricia Daily – Heritage House

Mary-Ann Gray – LHRC Applicant

Heather Terry – Wall Residences

Elizabeth Hayes – Wall Residences

Katherine Reed – Grafton Integrated Health Network

Pam Kuehl – Grafton Integrated Health Network

Sue Hahn – Grafton Integrated Health Network

Tricia Daily – Heritage House

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dare called meeting to order at 10:33am

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance made introductions. Chair welcomes attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Knight-Ried motioned for the December 2021 draft minutes to be approved.

Seconded by Mr. Henry. The motion was unanimously approved by all committee members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments made.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements from the Chair.

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Regional Data

- i. Quarterly ANE and complaint statistics - For the quarter ending 12/31/2021 in Region 1: There were 379 total complaints (352 Provider/27 CSB) involving allegations of abuse/neglect/exploitation. Of the 379 total complaints, 43 were substantiated. This is a percentage of 11.35% substantiated cases.
- ii. Summary of current Variances – There are no current variances for community-based providers in Region 1.
- iii. Updates –
 1. **Virginia's Opioid Crisis** – As many of you know, the Chief Medical Examiner stated last year that 2020 was the worst year on record for fatal overdoses in Virginia. There was a 63% increase in the number of overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020. The numbers for 2021 are showing even worse news – there was a 17% increase in the first 9 months of 2021 as the same time frame in 2020. The Richmond Times Dispatch reported this week (story included below) that “Virginia is on pace to record nearly 2,700 overdose deaths in 2021, a figure nearly four times higher than when the state began tracking overdoses in 2007 in response to the painkiller epidemic.” The paper also reported the epicenter of Virginia’s crisis is in Richmond, where there are 100 more overdose deaths than any other locality.

I know many of you have been working very hard to fight this epidemic, even before the pandemic brought alarming new trends in overdoses. The work to expand treatment access, increase prevention and community coalitions, expand harm reduction efforts, deploy multi-year federal SOR grants, and other activities has been critical. We will be pulling up to examine what else we can be doing at DBHDS, alongside CSBs and private providers, and with other agencies to reverse these trends. Thank you for staying in this battle.
 2. **COVID-19 Cases** – As of 1/28/2022: There were 274 positive COVID-19 cases across the facilities. This is 180 staff and 94 patients. This is still an incredibly high number but we are very hopeful it will continue trending downward.
- iv. Upcoming Events – Visit the OHR page on the DBHDS website for updated training opportunities. Upcoming trainings for March 2022 include:
 1. Thursday, March 10 - Investigating Abuse & Neglect: An Overview for Community Providers. *This training is designed as an overview of the investigative process, specific to the investigation of abuse and neglect.*
 2. Thursday, March 17 - The Human Rights Regulations: An Overview. *This training is designed to provide the learner an in-depth review of the Human Rights Regulations. Providers will increase their understanding of the Office of Human Rights processes and the responsibilities of the provider as mandated by the Human Rights Regulations.*
- v. 2022 SHRC Meetings: The SHRC will be meeting on the following dates in 2022. For details regarding meeting information, please reach out to an advocate in your region.

January 20, 2022

March 3, 2022
April 14, 2022
May 19, 2022
June 23, 2022
August 18, 2022
September 29, 2022
November 3, 2022
December 8, 2022

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Entered into Closed Session
- LHRC Confidentiality statements reviewed and signed by LHRC members

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ms. Dare and seconded by Mr. Henry, the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion not related to public business.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open session requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session.

- LHRC Member Applicant Mary-Ann Gray interviewed with the committee. Mr. Henry made a motion to approve this applicant as a member of the committee. Seconded by Ms. Lewis. Approved by all members present.
- Ms. Knight-Reid motioned to approve the restriction plans as presented by Heritage House for HH1 without recommendations. Seconded by Dr. Garrett. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Ms. Lewis motioned to approve the restriction plans as presented by Grafton Integrated Health Network for GIHN 1 without recommendations. Seconded by Ms. Rexrode. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Dr. Garrett motioned to approve the restriction plans as presented by Wall Residences for WR1 without recommendations. Seconded by Ms. Knight-Reid. Unanimously approved by all members present.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next scheduled LHRC meeting is June 7, 2022 at 10:30am at the Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB – 15361 Bradford Rd, Culpeper, VA.

Hearing no other business items, Ms. Knight-Reid motioned to adjourn and seconded by Dr. Garrett. Ms. Dare adjourned the meeting at 11:20am.